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PETITION FOR	EXTENSION OF	TIME UNDER	37 CFF	R 1.136(a)

Docket No. (Optional)

				27656/37082		
	In re Application of Frey et al.					
	Application Number 09/762,871		F	Filed March 26, 2001		
	CONJUGATES OF DNA INTERACTING GROUPS WITH For: STEROID HORMONES FOR USE AS NUCLEIC ACID TRANSFECTION AGENTS					
	Art Unit	1616	Examine	r B. Badio, Ph.D.		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.						
The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):						
One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$						
x Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))				\$ 410.00		
Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$						
Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))				\$		
Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))				<u> </u>		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$						
x A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.						
Payment by credit card. Form	PTO-2038 is	attached.				
The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.						
The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 13-2855						
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.						
I am the applicant/inventor.						
assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).						
attorney or agent of record. Registration Number						
x attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).						
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) 40,725						
September 9, 2003 Date Signature						
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Telephone Number Typed or printed name						
NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below						
Total of 1	forms are su	bmitted.				

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